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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Councilor Regina Romero & Ward 1 wish you...



Happy Holidays!

Councilor Romero and the Ward 1 Team wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season and a happy New Year!

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COUNCILOR ROMERO'S NOTE

Dear Friends:

Happy holidays to you! As 2013 draws to a close we have an opportunity to reflect upon what is important: our friends and family, our health, and the activities and causes that are dear to our heart. I'm fortunate to have my family and friends, my health, and the opportunity to serve as your representative on the Tucson City Council.

My children are school-aged and we look forward to spending time together participating in festivities like the Parade of Lights, which will take place on December 21st, and Winterhaven, which continues until December 28th. They love to see the brightly colored lights and decorations and singing along with the carolers and other performers. It is a pleasure for me to experience with them the joy of the season, and being together.

Please take a moment to remember those in our community who aren't as fortunate, and pay it forward. The Community Food Bank, the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, and so many other organizations in our community help those who need our support.

I wish you a safe and prosperous 2014. On January 11, 2014 throughout Southern Arizona BEYOND Events will take place to honor those who were affected by the events of January 8th, 2011. Join us for one of the many events that will take place, as we come together to commemorate, celebrate and commit.

In Community,

Regina

P.S.— If you want to kick off BEYOND 2014 early, join us at 12:30PM at El Presidio Park near the Pima County Courthouse! To learn more visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/237764956393014/> and here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpacnikmA5U> . You can also contact Amy Santos at (520)837-4268.



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TECH LAUNCH ARIZONA

TECH LAUNCH ARIZONA HAS SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

City Councilor Romero is proud of her work to strengthen Tucson's economy, and believes the City/UA Partnership at Tech Launch Arizona is critical for Tucson's future. In its first year, Tech Launch commercialized four employee and faculty innovations with three more coming in early 2014 and many more ready to be presented to the Board of Regents at its next meeting. Tech Launch Arizona also seeks to encourage students and other creative business talent in the community through its Commercialization Network Alliance.

Initiated in October 2013, the Alliance is a public-private partnership designed to facilitate technology commercialization and stimulate entrepreneurial activity. It brings Tech Launch Arizona, the City of Tucson and AZTERA, a local technology development company together to create jobs.

The Alliance's role is to tap into talent in the community to be advisors for each technology – from the business end and the science and technology end. Each research idea has its own level of expertise that is needed. If you feel you have expertise to share, please contact Eric Smith, Business Development Manager at AZTERA and CNA Partnership Embed. His email is eric.smith@aztera.com

David Allen was hired as Tech Launch Arizona's executive director in September 2012 and pushed to move the headquarters downtown, to be in the new core of economic activity. He has 30 years of academic and practitioner experience in technology management and commercialization and most recently served 10 years running technology transfer at the University of Colorado.

The City of Tucson has a successful track record of investing in economic development partnerships to leverage private investment as part of its goal to attract, retain and create jobs in Tucson. It has invested more than \$7 million over the past 8 years in Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO) and invested \$2 million into C-PATH, a drug testing industry that started at the UA and continues to receive more than \$2 million a year in federal investment.

5430 TRIZONA TRIATHLON COMES TO TUCSON- KENNEDY LAKE

On Sunday, April 27, 2014 Kennedy Park Lake will be the site of the 5430 TriZona Triathlon. Usually a spot for a relaxed day of fishing, this will be the first ever swim event held at Kennedy Lake. Clean water flows into the lake, and water tests have shown the water to be clean and free of contaminants.



"We are thrilled to bring the **5430 TriZona Triathlon** to Tucson, long considered one of America's triathlon and training capitals," says 5430 Race Director Barry Siff. The race will consist of a 750 meter swim, 14.5 mile bike and a 3.5 mile run. It will be a USA Triathlon sanctioned event, complete with USAT Officials monitoring safety and rules compliance. Registration will open on January 8, 2014, and this year will be limited to 600 participants. Visit <http://www.5430sports.com/trizona/> to learn more.

"I'm proud to welcome the TriZona Triathlon to our beautiful, Westside Kennedy Park," said Councilor Romero. "Tucson is known internationally for our hiking and biking, and now we are adding triathlons to our sports list. We are thrilled that Barry and his team are bringing more athletes to our mountainous, Sonoran Desert Sports City."

COMMUNITY INFO

SEEKING PHOTOS OF FLOODING IN WARD I

Pima County Regional Flood Control District is studying the flooding in the Hughes Wash, Santa Clara Wash, El Vado Wash and Valencia Wash watersheds. The purpose of the study is to seek possible solutions for the flooding problems in Elvira, Barrio Nopal and Sunnyside Neighborhoods. Although no funding is currently available, it is important to move forward to complete the planning portion of the study. The study hopes to have alternatives identified by early summer 2014. Photos are needed that show the extent of past flooding. If you have any photos to share, please contact Janice Hughes at Janice.Hughes@pima.gov or Nanette Pageau at Nanette@kaneenpr.com or Laura Dent at (520)837-4264. Deadline to submit photos is Friday, January 31, 2014.



WMG SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR SCHOOLYARD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Watershed Management Group is pleased to offer grant funding for schools to participate in their Schoolyard Water Conservation Education Program. The grant opportunity is open to schools in Tucson and Metro Phoenix. As part of the application process, at least one school representative is required to attend the School Grant Workshop. The school representative should be the teacher applying; school administrators and parent volunteers are invited to attend as well. These workshops will cover details about the application and grant funding along with a baseline training in water harvesting and urban wildlife habitat. Workshop is scheduled for January 9, 2014, from 4:30-7:00pm. Register: <http://watershedmg.org/civicism/event/info?id=313&reset=1>



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For more information on the grants and to download the application, click [here](#). For information contact Joaquin Murrieta-Saldivar, Schoolyard Program Coordinator, at jmurrieta@watershedmg.org

DECEMBER IS SHOP LOCAL MONTH



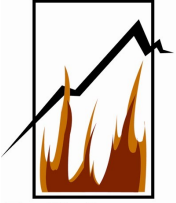
Did you know that when you shop a locally-owned business for every \$100 you spend, \$73 stays in our local economy? Only \$43 dollars stays in our local economy when you shop a non-locally owned business. Become a localist, support the locally owned businesses which are the backbone to our state's economy!

Tucson is fortunate to have several areas in where you can find locally owned businesses and merchants to fulfill your every need. 12th Avenue, Fourth Avenue, Downtown are corridors where you can find merchants offering goods and services that are unique and reflect our rich cultural heritage. To find local merchants visit <http://www.localfirstaz.com/directory/city.php?city=Tucson> . To learn more about Local First Arizona visit <http://www.localfirstaz.com/index.php> .

WARD I INFO

7TH ANNUAL BEAT BACK BUFFELGRASS DAY

SOUTHERN ARIZONA



Buffelgrass

COORDINATION
CENTER

Saturday, January 25 is Beat Back Buffelgrass Day. Ward I has more than its share of buffelgrass invading our public spaces. Luckily, several groups of residents are taking back their parks, their washes, and their hillsides one noxious weed at a time! For all events please wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, closed-toe shoes, hat and sunscreen. Bring your water bottle, sites will have water and snacks to help keep volunteers fueled-up. For general information or to sign up visit <http://www.buffelgrass.org/beat-back-buffelgrass-day-sites>

Feeling empowered? Here are some places that you can join in and Beat Back Buffelgrass!

- ⇒ Buffelgrass & Burritos from 8 a.m.-noon at Kennedy Park in the Fiesta Area/West Area. Meet up at the Fiesta Area (from West Ajo Way and South La Cholla Blvd., take the first left off La Cholla, park in the Fiesta Area parking lot). Volunteers will be removal from the trails park amenities in the West Area, which are accessible only from La Cholla Blvd. Contact Diana Rhoades at Diana.Rhoades@tucsonaz.gov or (520)837-4263 for more information.
- ⇒ From 8-11 a.m. A Mountain Community Neighborhood is showing its can-do spirit by removing trash and buffelgrass from San Juan Park, near Cholla High School, Vista del Pueblo Park and along San Marcos and San Juan. Contact Amy Santos at (520)791-4040 for more information.
- ⇒ Dunbar Spring Neighborhood will walking the neighborhood removing buffelgrass as they see it from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Organizers will offer a brief instruction on how to identify and remove buffelgrass so that native grasses that residents have intentionally planted won't be harmed. See up close how Dunbar Spring community has used rainwater harvesting and native plants to beautify their public spaces.
- ⇒ Sunnyside Neighborhood is removing buffelgrass in the Airport Wash area near 12th Avenue and Drexel Road 8 a.m.-noon. Please contact Beki Quintero at gapitgirl@msn.com or (520)404-5805 to register/information.

BUFFELGRASS, BURRITOS & BREWS AT SENTINEL PEAK



Saturday, January 11 from 8-1:30 p.m. come join us for the 3rd annual event at A Mountain/Sentinel Peak Park. One of many BEYOND events planned for January 11, this is a celebration of life and of the outdoors, meant to honor those who were affected by the January 8, 2011 tragedy.

Work begins at 8 a.m. and continue until noon. A brief demonstration on how to identify and remove buffelgrass will be offered at the kickoff.

This year organizers have joined with Tucson's own Sentinel Peak Brewing Company to offer samples of Sentinel Peak Brew from noon-1:30 p.m. Delicious burritos from one of our favorite restaurants, snacks and water will also be available.

Come join the work crew, bring your friends and family, and enjoy the recent upgrades on Sentinel Peak, including new trails! Please bring your water bottle and sunscreen. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, closed-toe shoes, and a hat. Tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own along if you'd like. Carpooling, or biking is encouraged, parking will be available in the top parking lot at the top of the hill. To register/info contact Diana Rhoades at Diana.Rhoades@tucsonaz.gov or (520)837-4263.

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Business Licenses and Information: 791-4566, www.tucsonaz.gov/business

City Manager's Office: 791-4204

City Attorney: 791-4221

City Clerk and City Council Agendas: 791-4213, <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

City Courts Administrator: 791-4189

City Prosecutor: 791-4104

Code Enforcement: (520) 791-5843, Report violations online <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Community Services: 791-4742

Disability Transportation and Services: 791-5409

Downtown Tucson Partnership: 837-6504

Environmental Services (Trash, Household Hazardous Waste, Brush and Bulky), 791-3171

Elections: 884-8683

Fire Department: 791-4828 Emergency: 911

Graffiti, 792-2489 – Graffiti@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti on State Property? Call 388-4200

Housing and Community Development: 791-4171

Illegal Dumping: (520) 791-5843

Neighborhoods – Form one? Request a free rolloff? Call 791-4605

Neighborhood Watch - Police Department Community Services Officer – 837-7241

Parks and Recreation: 791-4873

Parking Tickets: 791-4216 103 E. Alameda St. Pay by phone: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/cwp/>

Planning and Development Services Director: 791-5612

Police Emergency - 911

Police (Non-Emergency), 791-4444

Pothole Reporting, Street Lights (report outages - give pole number or address by the light pole), Street Maintenance

791-3154 – tdotstreetstrafficmaint@tucsonaz.gov

Recycling, 791-5000, <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Senior Citizens Services: Pima Council on Aging – 790-7262

Sewer (Pima County), 740-6609

Small Business Enterprise Program: 791-4593

Tucson Clean and Beautiful (adopt a park or street to cleanup), 791-3109 – Jean Hickman

Voting district? Find your elected officials by entering your address <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Water Department Customer Service: 791-3242 or 837-2026